

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/064,503
Docket No.: 9170-US-230

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action mailed on June 18, 2004 rejected presently pending claims 1, 4, 6, 8-13 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ojo et al. (US 6,409,800), but allowed claim 14. In response thereto, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 4, 6 and 8-11 and amended independent claims 12, 13 and 16. Reconsideration of claims 12, 13 and 15-18 is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Rejections of Claims 12, 13 and 15-18

Claims 12, 13 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ojo et al.

Please refer to the claim amendments of this time, independent claims 12, 13 and 16 have been amended to restrict that the second adsorbent, rather than the X zeolite, contains merely a trace of A zeolite as an impurity, *completely according to the suggestion in page 4 of the Final Office Action*. Therefore, claims 12, 13 and 15-18 should also be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the forgoing reasons, it is believed that pending claims 12-18 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

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